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Dear Parents,

This letter outlines the curriculum for Years 1&2 over this academic term. We are keen to share with you what we are doing in school in order for you to support your children at home.

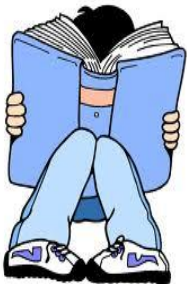
In Maths this term, we shall be learning about:

- Number and place value
- Addition and subtraction
- Position and direction



We will also practice rapid recall of number facts. If you are supporting your child with Maths at home, please work on counting forwards and backwards to and from 100, number bonds within 10 and 20, adding and taking away 10 from any number and the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

In **English** this term, we shall be learning about the following genres:



- Recounts
- Traditional tales
- Poetry

This term there will be a strong focus on letter formation, handwriting and spelling. Please support us in this by supervising the spelling homework and ensuring that your child forms their letters correctly and neatly.

In **D.T.** we will be focusing on *textiles* and the skills needed to make our own puppets. After half term, we will be designing and making Christmas decorations.



In **Science** we are studying *materials*. We will be finding out about the properties and uses of different materials. After half term, we will be looking at *all living things*.

In our **R.E.** lessons we will be thinking about *thanking God for nature*. We will be looking at the natural world and how we can be thankful to God for this. We will be learning about Christmas after half term.



In **Music** we are going to be exploring different sounds within music and how we can use a range of musical instruments.

We will use our **P.E.** lessons to develop the skills needed to play football. We will also be developing our movement skills in dance lessons.

In our **Computing** lessons we will be developing our basic keyboard and mouse skills through creating digital cards.



In our **History** lessons we are going to be studying toys. We will learn about how toys have changed throughout history and how the toys the play with today compare to those played with by our parents and grandparents. After half term we will be conducting a *local study* in **Geography**.

In **PSHE** we will be concentrating on *keeping and staying healthy*. We will learn what we need to stay healthy and how we can make healthy choices.

We would like you to read the school reading books with your child daily for 5 or 10 minutes every evening as well as sharing other books you may have at home. Please record in the Reading Diary when you have heard your child read.

Finally, homework in Year 1&2 is designed to be completed in no more than 10 or 15 minutes each night and will be of great benefit as your child progresses in their learning.

Your child will also have 5 or 10 spellings to practice using the **Look Cover Write Check** sheet. Please complete one column a day in pencil and encourage your child to form their letters correctly. Your child will be tested on these every week.

Your child may also have high frequency words (key words) to practice. These are designed to help your child build fluency with their reading. Try and practice these daily as your child needs to recognise these words in a random order.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries regarding the content of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Carty